



Supreme Court of Illinois

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CHIEF JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN SPRINGFIELD

Chief Justice Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 23 new lawyers on Thursday, May 5, in the Fourth Judicial District.

The group is among 518 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The bar admission ceremony in the Fourth Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Illinois Supreme Court Building, 200 E. Capitol Ave., in Springfield. Media coverage is invited.

Chief Justice Garman will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families, and friends.

The speaker for the ceremony will be William F. Moran III, a commissioner on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. Mr. Moran is partner at Stratton, Moran, Sronce, Reichert & Appleton in Springfield and previously worked at the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

Other speakers will include Chief Judge Kenneth R. Deihl of the Seventh Judicial Circuit and Illinois State Bar Association Treasurer David B. Sosin, a partner at Sosin, Arnold & Schoenbeck in Orland Park.

Edmond H. Rees will make the motion to admit the class, and Jacqueline Brandenburg-Rees will second the motion. They are attorneys at the Carlinville law firm of Brandenburg-Rees & Rees and the parents of a son who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

Chief Justice Garman will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and make remarks. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys sworn in at the May 5 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,500. In addition to Springfield, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Chicago, Elgin, Ottawa, and Collinsville.

The Fourth Judicial District is composed of the following counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion, and Woodford.

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